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Thursday, July 2, 1896.

Letter From Philadelphia.

(Continued from last week.)

PHILADELPHIA, June 30, 1896.
Mr. Bryce, the English author, speaks in his valuable works of American Municipal Government. He seems to be thoroughly familiar with everything that has happened in any of our large cities of a noteworthy character. He reviews in detail the forms of character, the police regulations, the centralization of authority, the tendency—the inevitable inclination—toward corruption and tyranny, the tax rates per capita, the ways of city councils, the domination of the boss, the perversion of law, the multiplied varieties of crime and the opportunities for its commission, the deals without number and the general dissatisfaction of the city masses with the operations of law and in commenting upon the general regulation of American municipal corporations this learned writer says, speaking from a standpoint of great knowledge concerning the administration of European cities: "The aim deliberately was (in America) to make a city government where no officer by himself should have power enough to do much harm. The natural result of this was to create a situation where no officer had power to do much good. Meanwhile bad men united for corrupt purposes, and the whole organization of the city government aided such in throwing responsibility from one to another."

This seems to describe quite accurately, in the first instance the ideal hope of pure men to gain an honest administration of municipal affairs, the profits of which would bring sunshine and happiness to debt freighted and sin stricken cities; while the last sentence gives in cogent terms the unexpected results of an administration where the execution of the law is confided to the hands of a single executive, chosen from among the number of the people. The theory of Municipal Government is based altogether upon the Blackstonian principle, defined to be a rule of civil conduct, prescribed by the supreme power in a state, commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong, an argument of law, which presents a system both of coercive and corrective justice founded in the sound policy dominant in the feudal reign, but largely supplanted and harmonized by the necessary experience of later years and as Mr. Bryce beautifully says, "The great cities of England and Europe, with few exceptions, have their roots in the distant past. Many of their privileges and chartered rights were wrested from the crown in feudal times. Some of these privileges have been retained, and contribute to the income, the pride and the influence of the municipality. The charter of

the American city represents no element of prestige or inspiration. It is only the legal instrument which gives the community authority to act as a corporation, and which defines the duties of its officers." The wisdom of legislatures does not seem to be summed up in the formation of legal characters the terms of which shall govern municipal corporations, and there is a remarkable lack of the exhibition of those flexible and elastic features which a ready and a successful government would depend upon, acting as a corporation and not as a state. But it would require all the positive notions of law yet devised with the unfeigned assistance of all its fictions to present in legislative chambers a measure radically uprooting corporate evils and designed to operate as a sine qua non in the government of cities. The collision of one boss with another, the struggle of faction with faction, the wasteful extravagance of city councils, impelled by frequent temptations to embrace bribe, and the unlawful interference in municipal affairs by those whom Senator Quay designated last summer in his famous letter to the press as "appointed to preserve the peace," form some of the most notorious and very worst features of municipal mismanagement. Repugnant as this must be to men of integrity and especially to men who strive by the expenditure of time and the liberal use of private means to eradicate the evil influences at work, it must be the very climax of disgust when reproach is cast upon the judiciary of the city corporation and the administration of justice is thus tainted with the suspicion of collusion. Such circumstances are rare, but a sporadic evidence does sometimes manifest itself of such a hated condition in the modern city corporation, under the political boss, just as it did when the Crown selected his judges as his personal interpreters of the law and as the special defenders of his prerogatives.

London is the best known as well as the most ancient English speaking capital in the world. It has existed for a period of almost ten centuries. It presents a greater degree of interest, considered as a corporate municipality than any other in the world. The repression of violence does not appear difficult there and indeed with her four or five million souls the city government forms so extensive a plan of thoughtful consideration, that the perfect administration of law and the preservation of order have become the admiration of travellers abroad. It is said that American ladies travelling alone in London are safer than they would be on the streets of Philadelphia or New York, but this can be readily imagined to be true when we contemplate the vast and comprehensive police regulations there enforced. The police power is the first institution necessary in a civilized community and its abrogation would lead quickly, in some localities, to the total annihilation of the established social condition. They are the sworn custodians of the peace, the ministers of the vast constabulary machinery in city corporations, the reliable agents looked to for the promotion of order and the suppression of lawlessness. The police system perverted either by political influence, intimidation or bribe becomes an engine of oppression and torture. In Europe the police power appears to be a literal agent of perfect law; in American cities it forms the principal basis of grievous complaint, notwithstanding legislatures have in nearly all the states established departments of safety as a necessary adjunct of city government.

It was the unlawful interference of the police power with the private rights of the citizens of New York City which caused Senator Lexow to ask for the legal creation of a Senate Committee to lay bare, under state authority the shameful scandals practised on Manhattan Island, now the home of the wealthy Dutch Knickerbockers; it was for similar reasons that Senator Penrose asked the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to go into a regularly authorized investigation of the alleged corrupt condition of the Quaker Municipality.

W. K. M.
Botschoff's or Grub's Church near Paltas, Chapman Township, No. 3.

Although this is claimed as a Centennial congregation, the opinion has been expressed that the old church building was erected in 1773 as the place was used as a buryal-ground in that year and John Shamory who did the carpenter work for the old church was interred in the graveyard in the year 1774. All the present churches and church organizations in Union, Chapman and Perry townships are offsprings of Banerman's or Kruppe Kirch. In 1810 the Schnee's congregation was organized by members of this congregation on

Lion's Lutheran church near Freeburg. Rev. Conrad Walter served Schnee's congregation three years from 1810 to 1813 during the war of 1812, but his large field of labor, compelled him to resign and the members all returned to Grub's and Lion's church where they retained their membership for three years, before they completed their permanent organization.

This was a pioneer congregation in a true sense. In Union township we find Keiser's Lutheran and Reformed church. At Witmer's two churches, United Evangelical and Esherite. Near Gaugler's the U. B. brick church, at Port Treverton the U. B., the United Evangelical and Esherites, nine churches with their organizations. In Chapman township near Independence the old Herold cemetery is located and a U. B. church has recently been erected there. Near McKees Half Falls is Trinity U. B. church. These four congregations are also in part offsprings of Grub's church, as many of the members of these congregations are the children and grand-children of those who were originally members of this congregation. The increase of population, changes in location and places of living, location of towns along the Susquehanna river and Pennsylvania canal, location of school, the construction of the canal in 1828, fifty-two years after the organization of Grub's congregations, erecting ferries across the Susquehanna, the location of the N. C. K. R. are some of the causes of the increase in the number of churches. The rivalry of denomination must also be considered in accounting for the increase of churches in these two townships.

Port Treverton, Chapman, Independence, McKees 1/2 Fall, Mahantongo, Hoffer, Pallas, Meiserville and Aline are the principal business places that have been established since the organization of this congregation. The cemetery near the church has been recently enlarged and newly fenced. The members of the congregation meet every year to clean the cemetery, remove the sod, briars and weeds, and the graves of those who have no relatives are properly cared for. Since the establishment of this congregation we have passed through the war of 1812, the Mexican war, and the war of the rebellion. The graves of soldiers interred here are kindly remembered on Memorial Day and appropriate exercises are held here on every recurrence of this event. In a beautiful grove near the church the annual picnic is held. It is generally "a feat of reason and flow of soul" and from far and near can be seen on these grounds the generations of those who established this congregation. Prof. Boyer delivered a historical address at the annual picnic last year.

We will notice in our next the schools in connection with this congregation. Some of the teachers and though suggested by a retrospect of one hundred and twenty years.

Bucknell 30 Years Old.

The semi-centennial of Bucknell University was celebrated last week. Lewisburg was crowded with visitors in honor of the event. The graduating classes this year numbered fifty-five. The total enrollment in all departments this year was 433 students, the largest in the university's history.

The Board of trustees this commencement elected Prof. W. A. Kauffman of the Bordentown (N. J.) Military Institute, instructor in science in the Academy; N. F. Davis Bridgeton, N. J., instructor in Organic Science, and Miss Mary Brown of Manchester, N. H., assistant librarian.

Honorary degrees were conferred as follows:—Doctor of Laws upon Hon. Simon P. Wolvorton, Sunbury; Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. Lemuel C. Bames, Pittsburg; Rev. S. F. Forgeus, Huntingdon; Prof. Adolph Drake, Sweden; Rev. Geo. Whitman, Buffalo, N. Y. Master of Arts upon Wm. J. Coxey, Camden, N. J.; Joseph Moore, President National Bank of the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, E. Raymond Bliss, Esq., Chicago, and Granville Malcolm, M. D., Denver, Colo.

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—AT—

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Tract No. 1.—Situate in Washington Twp., Snyder Co., Pa., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone, thence by other lands of said George Freed, and also land of J. Freed, north 15 1/2 degrees west, 150 perches to a stone, north six degrees east, 6 1/2 perches to a stone, thence along the land of Peter Klingler, south 69 degrees east, 79 perches to a stone, north 65 degrees east, 6 1/2 perches to a stone, thence by land of John Heper, south one degree east, 15 1/2 perches to a stone, south 12 1/2 degrees east, 45 1/2 perches to stone in public road, thence by same land lately owned by Philip Apple, south 65 degrees west, 50 perches to a stone in said road, south 14 degrees east, 27 1/2 perches to a stone, thence south 79 degrees west, 38 1/2 perches to place of beginning. Containing 75 acres and 150 perches (178 acres and 150 perches) strict measure.

Also, Another parcel of land lying contiguous to the above and being part and parcel thereof, beginning at a stone, thence along the tract first herein described, south 14 1/2 degrees east, 58 perches to stone, thence south 77 degrees east, 58 perches to stone, thence south 73 degrees west, 63 perches to stone, thence by land of A. M. Freed, north 21 1/4 degrees west, 21 1/4 perches to stone, thence by land of John Freed, north 59 degrees east, 69 1/2 perches to place of beginning. Containing 22 acres and 96 perches (22 acres and 67 perches) strict measure.

Also, Another parcel being part and parcel of the above described, beginning at a post, thence by land of Peter Garman, north 71 degrees east, 66 1/2 perches to a post, thence by land of Henry Hine, south 4 degrees east, 18 1/2 perches to post, south 72 degrees west, 60 1/2 perches to post, north 4 degrees west, 18 1/2 perches to place of beginning. Containing 7 acres, strict measure.

The three tract or parcels containing altogether 108 acres and 91 perches. This tract has all the necessary buildings and is situated in the heart Pleasant Valley, 2 miles west of Freeburg.

Tract No. 2.—Being the undivided 1/4 fourth interest in a tract of land situate in Chapman Twp., Snyder Co., along the Susquehanna River adjoining line of Juniata Co., bounded on the north by lands of Dr. M. N. Nipke and George Yeager, east by the Susquehanna River, south by Manantoga Creek and on the west by lands of the heirs of L. H. Hall, dec'd, containing 114 acres, more or less. The tract has two dwelling houses, bank barn and all necessary out-buildings.

Terms.—20 per cent. of bid on day of sale, balance in three installments, after payment of cost and expenses on September 25, 1896. A dowry will remain on Tract No. 1 of the 1/4 third interest of all the real estate, less costs.

ALFRED SPECHT, Sheriff.

Middleburgh, June 20, 1896.

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